

## 10 Consultation and Coordination

Federal water resource agencies are required under various mandates, including the NEPA, to conduct public involvement efforts and to consult and coordinate activities with other Federal agencies as part of the process of conducting a feasibility study and preparing environmental documents. Reclamation is conducting this flow augmentation analysis for the Corps, which has the ultimate responsibility for public involvement and agency coordination activities. Apart from the Corps' actions, Reclamation wanted key stakeholders in the Snake River basin to be aware of this flow augmentation analysis and the findings. This chapter describes the voluntary and discretionary public outreach activities in which Reclamation engaged.

Reclamation identified state and Federal agencies, local governments, and interest groups early in 1998 to help complete the analysis and define the scope and methodology. Preliminary information was disseminated on a request/response basis. In the early stages, distribution of information was ad hoc, in response to requests.

The scope and methodology of analysis were solidified by the summer of 1998, potential participants were identified, and time lines were established. The flow augmentation analysis team designed an outreach strategy to provide for the systematic and consistent dissemination of information. This strategy organized key stakeholders into (1) basin water users, and (2) State agencies in Wyoming, Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho; the tribes; media; water users; and others.

Reclamation outreach activities were centered on three purposes: (1) to provide a general orientation; (2) to describe the methodology of the analyses and seek feedback from technical experts; and (3) to present initial findings. Reclamation provided written materials, made presentations, and met with focus groups to accomplish these goals. Reclamation personnel spoke with the appropriate state officials in each state in the basin and responded to all invitations. All meetings to date are summarized in table 10-1.

Reclamation is continuing its commitment to ensure that key stakeholders in the Snake River basin are aware of Reclamation's role in the Corps feasibility study/EIS, the process used in the flow augmentation analysis, and the results of the analysis.

<b>Table 10-1 Flow Augmentation Analysis Outreach Activities</b>			
Date	Organization	Purpose	Attendees
December 17, 1997	Decision System Configuration Team	General Orientation	20
March 20, 1998	SR <sup>3</sup> Workshop	General Orientation	22
March 31, 1998	USFWS	General Orientation	2
May 8, 1998	Payette Watershed Council	General Orientation	6
May 21, 1998	Committee of Nine, Idaho	General Orientation	30
June 4, 1998	Economics Focus Group	Technical Feedback	26
June 11, 1998	SR <sup>3</sup> Tribal Forum Meeting	General Orientation	9
June 12, 1998	Hydrology Peer Review Focus Group	Technical Feedback	21
July 15, 1998	Corps Roundtable	General Orientation	100
July 16, 1998	Fort Hall Tribal Council	General Orientation	10
July 27, 1998	Idaho State Officials and Congressional Delegations	General Orientation	25
July 31, 1998	Hydrology and Economics Focus Group	Technical Feedback	47
August 5, 1998	Directors of Oregon State Agencies	General Orientation	25
August 13, 1998	Portland Area Federal and State Agencies	General Orientation/ Initial Findings	20
August 25, 1998	NPPC, Fish Four Committee	General Orientation/ Initial Findings	15
August 26, 1998	Corps Drawdown Regional Economic Workgroup	General Orientation/ Initial Findings	25
August 27, 1998	USFWS	Initial Findings	2
September 10, 1998	Multiagency Implementation Team established by NMFS	Initial Findings	15
September 15, 1998	Henrys Fork Watershed Council	General Orientation	50
September 16, 1998	Wyoming State Agencies	General Orientation	10
September 25, 1998	Nevada State Agencies	General Orientation	2
September 29, 1998	Idaho Water Users Association	General Orientation	40

